

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce on 50 years. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Chamber many years of continued growth and success.

HONORING SPIKE O'DELL

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of my friend, Mr. William "Spike" O'Dell, radio host of the morning show "Spike Radio." After over 20 years at WGN-AM Radio, Mr. O'Dell will retire in December 2008, and you can count me as one of the listeners from all over Chicagoland who will miss hearing him on WGN.

Over the years, Spike O'Dell has interviewed U.S. Congressmen and Senators, reporters stationed in war-zones, comedians, and Olympic athletes. His favorite sayings of "Nothing is worth your health or happiness" and "Life is too serious to take things too seriously" influenced the acerbic but entertaining atmosphere in which he took calls from his listeners.

Spike's listeners have come to rely on his thoughtful and extensive coverage of current U.S. and world news, traffic, and weather. Appropriately, Spike O'Dell's hard work and insightful reporting over the years have been recognized with the honor of an Achievement in Radio, AIR, Award in 1999 from the Chicagoland AIR Awards Board of Governors.

While I am sure Spike's family will be glad to enjoy more time with him, the rest of us will miss his hard-hitting news reporting, weekly current events quizzes, and engaging discussions and interviews, not to mention his eternal faith in the Chicago Cubs and "Spike's Emergency BBQ Sauce" give-a-ways.

Madam Speaker, I wish Spike and his family the best of luck during his retirement and throughout his future endeavors. Morning talk radio in Chicago will not be the same without Spike O'Dell.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDERSON HYLAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Anderson Hyland. Mr. Hyland is a Certified Public Accountant with a great deal of diverse knowledge and experience to draw upon. He holds a BA in Business Administration and Accounting from Baruch College, City University of New York.

Mr. Hyland was born in St. Michael, Barbados and attended Coleridge & Parry. This provided him with an excellent forum to develop some of his diverse interests such as soccer, cricket, traveling, and business. Upon graduating, he continued his studies at the O'level Institute where he received two A' levels (Law and Accounting) and later worked for

the Barbados Internal Revenue Department as a Tax Officer.

Mr. Hyland has extensive experience in British and American tax preparation services. This can be seen by the service he provides to numerous clients in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut region. He was formerly the Staff Accountant at Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn, New York and a Tax Preparer at H & R Block and now works as the accountant for Local 420 District Council 37 in Lower Manhattan.

Mr. Hyland feels very privileged to be on the Board of Trustees for Glenwood Gardens Condos and is able to serve the community. He is also a member of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), the International Foundation of Employee Benefits, and the Baruch College Alumni Association.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Anderson Hyland for his extraordinary contributions to New York City's academic, labor, and community institutions.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Anderson Hyland.

RECOGNIZING ALVIN ANDERSON

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with the sad news that Mr. Alvin Anderson, a longtime resident of Williamsburg, Virginia passed away on November 29th. He was a strong influence in land use issues throughout the Williamsburg area, and a man who was deeply dedicated to his family. Mr. Anderson graduated from the College of William & Mary in 1970 and served as a second lieutenant in the Army for several years. He returned to William & Mary, earning his law degree at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1972.

Mr. Andersen would go on to serve as president of the W&M Society of the Alumni, was a member of the Marshall-Wythe Law School Foundation Board, and until last year served on the Board of Visitors. In 1998 he received the Alumni Medallion, the highest honor bestowed by the W&M Alumni Association.

After graduation Mr. Anderson practiced law with his uncle, Harper Anderson, in Williamsburg which would later become Anderson, Franck and Davis, P.C. His firm would merge with Kaufman & Canoles in 1999, where Mr. Anderson was integral in establishing their Williamsburg office. Over the course of his 36 year legal career, Mr. Anderson specialized in estate matters and land use, and was fundamental in the development of Williamsburg Landing and Quarterpath at Williamsburg.

He distinguished himself as the Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Courts of the City of Williamsburg and County of James City, Counties of New Kent, Charles City, King William, and King and Queen, and Special Master in York County since 1975. Also, he served as Commissioner of Accounts for the Circuit Court of the City of Williamsburg and County of James City since 1988. Despite his professional accomplishments, he would frequently remark, "I'm just a country lawyer".

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the Virginia Trial Lawyers As-

sociation, the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, and the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference. He chaired the Judicial Nominations Committee of the Virginia State Bar and the District Ethics Committee of the Virginia State Bar. Among other honors, he had been recognized as a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, a distinction bestowed on less than 1% of the lawyers in the Commonwealth.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Betsy Calvo Anderson; two daughters, Mary Beth Sherwin and Sara Paris Huddleston; his father, Dr. William Morris Anderson; a brother, William Morris Anderson Jr.; a sister, Anna Katharine Anderson; mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Calvo Jr.; brother-in-law, Philip S. Calvo III; sons-in-law, Tyler Sherwin and Byrne Huddleston; and other family and friends. Alvin once said, "I'm proud of two things in my life, one is my family and the other is my college. I told someone the other day; this makes me feel like the person my dog thinks I am."

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Alvin Anderson.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the 40th anniversary of the Special Olympics, an outstanding organization which provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities—more than 18,000 alone in Pennsylvania—an opportunity to participate in year-round, athletic competitions. The Special Olympics motto "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," was originally spoken by gladiators entering the arena in ancient Rome.

Villanova University, which is in my district, was the official host of the Special Olympics Pennsylvania state games this year. The Special Olympics Fall Festival at Villanova is the largest student-run Special Olympics event in the world. During the two-day event, Villanova University opens its campus to over 1,000 athletes, 400 coaches, and 2,700 volunteers. The athletes compete in six Olympic-type sports, bocce, long distance running, power-lifting, roller skating, soccer, and volleyball.

Worldwide, the Special Olympics brings together more than 2.5 million athletes with intellectual disabilities in 180 countries. Children and adults who participate in the Special Olympics develop improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, and a more positive self-image. They grow mentally and socially and, exhibit boundless courage and enthusiasm, enjoy the rewards of friendship, and ultimately discover new abilities and talents.

Special Olympics was best described by Sargent Shriver, Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics Inc., when he wrote that Special Olympics is unique and important because of the ways in which Special Olympics inspires and reveals the very best in human nature. "It has become," he wrote, "one of the most encouraging and profound developments in modern sports."